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### **EOIR Issues Manual for Presenting Cases Before Immigration Courts Nationwide** *The "Immigration Court Practice Manual" Is Effective on April 1, 2008*

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) announced today that it has issued the "Immigration Court Practice Manual." The Practice Manual provides uniform procedures, recommendations, and requirements for persons who present cases before the immigration courts. Beginning on April 1, 2008, the Practice Manual will go into effect nationwide, and local operating procedures for immigration courts will no longer be used.

The Immigration Court Practice Manual is currently available on EOIR's [website](http://www.eoir.gov). EOIR will continue to update the manual online, as needed, to reflect legal and policy changes, as well as responses to comments from users.

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